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In my opinion these are some of the most glaring examples:

The Award for the Most Duplicative, Ineffective, and Inappropriate Programs

Technological Corporate Welfare (Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Bill).

- The Advanced Technology Program [ATP] is recognized as one of the worst forms of corporate welfare, and the President has proposed to eliminate it.
- As of 2005, 39 *Fortune 500* companies had received a total of \$732 million in ATP subsidies, with IBM alone receiving \$127 million.
- **One survey showed that 65 percent of ATP applicants did not even bother trying to procure private funding before lining up at the “Federal trough.”**
- Although authorizing legislation terminates the program, this appropriations bill still funds it at \$93 million for fiscal year 2008.

The Award for Most Government Waste

More FEMA Funds Squandered (Homeland Security Appropriations Bill).

- FEMA spent \$3.5 million to melt \$24 million worth of ice it had purchased but did not need – for an “ice-capade” totaling \$27.5 million.
- Fraudulent FEMA payments cited by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) include:
 1. \$17 million in rental assistance paid to individuals to whom FEMA had already provided free housing in trailers or apartments;
 2. \$20 million in duplicate payments to thousands of individuals who claimed damages to the same property from both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita;
 3. Housing to 10 individuals in apartments in Plano, TX, while these individuals received \$46,000 to cover out-of-pocket housing expenses.

Stay tuned for more examples of waste, fraud, and abuse of your tax dollars.